

NPIC/P&DS/D/6-769

7 February 1966

MEMO TO: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Collateral Support Division Request for Copy Camera Study

1. I would like to document for your information and advice a series of events occurring over the past ten months with regard to Dino's copy camera request. In April of 1965 we received a memo CSD-167-65, which is in the folder on Project #99085-5, asking for a camera whose requirements are outlined in the memo. Dino stated at this time that the [REDACTED] was too complex and too difficult to operate. As a result of this memo, [REDACTED] was assigned to the project and discussed the various requirements with [REDACTED] and with representatives of [REDACTED]. Several commercial copying systems such as [REDACTED] aperture card copier were suggested to Vince. Cameras such as the [REDACTED] were also in use in the building at the time, and known to CSD, but Vince decided that he required a device that would copy opaque originals up to 11 X 14 size and produce, in one step, 4 X 5 multiple prints.

2. Following this, George prepared a draft of a development objective, which is also in the folder, detailing what we believe to be the requirements. These development objectives were forwarded to Dino for comment and were returned with a memo dated 3 January stating that no requirement exists in CSD for the device described. Their memo of 3 January also states that they were then in possession of a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Copy Camera which they considered adequate for the purposes outlined in our paper. They then state that they are in need of a copy camera that will enable them to copy material from publications, which appears to be the same as their memo of April 1965, which we were trying to satisfy.

3. On 11 January, without waiting for a reply to their memo of 3 January, Dino sent to us a speed letter CDS 25-66 which stated that they had met with DIA personnel and [REDACTED] and had seen a [REDACTED] [REDACTED] copy camera. This is almost identical with the [REDACTED] Copy Camera which has been in the building since April. Now however, they appear interested in this development and requested the Plans and Development Staff to make arrangements to borrow this camera for trial

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and experimentation. On 14 January in response to the speed letter (which he had not yet received through official channels) [redacted] had borrowed a 1:1 quick copy camera from [redacted], and on 17 January demonstrated this to CSD together with techniques for making multiple copies by using [redacted] positive/negative film packs and Fotorite paper and processors. At this time, Dino said he didn't want it, but [redacted] said the 3:1 reduction camera and the 1:1 copy camera would solve 95 percent of their needs. [redacted] said that these would do until a device such as the development objective described could be developed. Dino then said that he wanted a modified [redacted] and that he had [redacted] to spend for it. On 21 January after leaving the [redacted] with Collateral Support Division for their use for a week, [redacted] noted that none of this equipment had been used.

4. It seems to me that there are two problems here, one is internal, in terms of getting memos and speed letters expeditiously to the people concerned. I don't know why the speed letter of 11 January took so long to get through the chain. I don't believe it was held up in my In box, but it may be that it came through the building mail. Perhaps we should have a date-time stamp at Roseanne's desk so we can document the time when these arrive in the division. The second problem pertains to this particular effort which we are engaged in for Dino. It seems that we have wasted a lot of time that could have been saved if we had forced him to nail down his requests in writing the first time around. I have so instructed [redacted] I wanted you to be familiar with the specifics in this case in the event that it is brought up at senior staff meeting. I intend to frame a memo back to Dino with his memos of April and January as enclosures and ask some fairly specific questions about just what it is he wants. I do not believe we should waste any time or money in developing the modifications which he has in mind for the [redacted] Copy Camera. This is a fairly simple, if not crude, device and cluttering it up with such things as automatic focus and projected reticles to indicate field of view seems rather pointless.

[redacted]
FRANK

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Frank

Go ahead + send
to Duro

A memo
Based on your to me
(It's not a memo)

+ send
date as enclosed
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C. [unclear]
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Resp Comp: P&DS

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OFFICE _____ DATE OF RQMT _____ CONTROL NO. _____
 NPIC DIV/DETACH PROCESSING RQMT _____ PROJ OFF _____ PHONE _____
 SUPPORT REQUESTED OF _____ PRIORITY _____ DATE REQUIRED _____

(The following info is required when rqmts are levied for internal support)

DIV/STAFF CSD _____ DATE OF RQMT 4 April 1965 CONTROL NO. _____
 SUPPORT REQUESTED OF P&DS _____ PROJ OFF _____
 PRIORITY _____ DATE REQUIRED 30 September 1966

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1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The work requested is in support of a departmental: ☐ Photo interpretation proj.;
☒ Non-photo interpretation project. It will result in: ☐ Hard copy report;
☐ Informal report (memo); ☒ Basic service only.

Project Description: High Quality Office Copy Camera

2. SPECIFIC SUPPORT/SERVICE REQUESTED: Support from NPIC will probably consist of:
☐ Photographic; ☐ Reproduction; ☐ Mensuration; ☐ Graphics; ☐ ADP; ☐ Editing;
☒ Other (explain below) -- (Include statement as to estimated amount of work required
 of support component(s); i.e., number of contact prints, enlargements, boards, etc.)

1. Investigate and determine CSD's requirement.
2. Determine if a commercial product meets their requirement or if one can be modified to meet their requirement.
3. Recommend action on a commercial product if available or write a design objective.
4. If required, solicit proposals, recommend TDC action, monitor contract and demonstrate results.

3. URGENCY JUSTIFICATION: (If immediate support is required a statement of justification must be made on this form.)

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DIV/STAFF CSD DATE OF RQMT 46 April 65 CONTROL NO. _____
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